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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

STEINUNN BAEKKESKOV

Application No.: 09/993,371

Filed: November 13, 2001

For: METHODS FOR DIABETES
SUSCEPTIBILITY ASSESSMENT IN
ASYMPTOMATIC PATIENTS

Examiner: D. Wortman

Art Unit: 1648

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.78(a)(6), Applicants hereby submit this Petition to replace the existing priority claim in favor of the following.

The present application is a continuation of 08/937,955 (now US 6,316,209), filed September 25, 1997, which is a continuation of 08/346,313 (now US 5,674,692) filed October 28, 1994, which is a continuation of 08/048,886, filed April 16, 1993.

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(1) The present application is currently pending and had co-pendency with the '955 application at the time the present application was filed.

(2) The reference required by 35 U.S.C. 120 to the priority applications is provided in the form of an application data sheet submitted herewith.

(3) The entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(5) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional.

(4) In connection with this Petition, Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner for Patents to charge the fee of \$1300 under 37 CFR 1.17(t) to Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to the same account. This petition is submitted in duplicate.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that this Petition be granted. If it is believed that a telephone conference would expedite processing of this Petition, please telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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